

Richard's great moment came in 1030* In that year Rainulf died; Richard, succeeded him as Count of Aversa under Gaimar's suzerainty, and fixed his ambition on becoming lord of Capua, as Robert fixed his on Apulia,

Meanwhile a third Emperor of the West had intervened. In February, 1047, Henry III. entered Capua; there he restored Pandulf to Capua and recognised Rainulf of Aversa and Drogo of Apulia as imperial vassals, The final source of authority in Western Europe thus legalised the hold of the adventurers on Southern Italy, Gai* mar renounced his title of Duke of Apulia and Calabria; and Drogo, as if to show that now his title was thrice-valid, proclaimed himself "*dux et magister Italics comesque Normannorum tolius Apulice et Calabria**" Before this his brothers and he were mere elected commanders of the Norman war-bands—*pHmi inter fawt*—but now by the imperial investiture the Count of Apulia acquired an actual sovereignty. Henry's action was disastrous to Southern Italy and to all imperial interests, By it he broke the last Lombard power which was capable of checking the Normans, and in legalising their position, he practically

surrendered the south to them, But
the policy
of the Western Emperors in Lower
Italy not
wont to be far-sighted or consistent;
the immedi-
ate advantage, that the Greeks should
be driven
from Apulia, seemed sufficient,
In February, 1049,. Pandulf of Capua
died; the